

# The Lancaster Gazette.

CITY OF LANCASTER.

Thursday Morning, Oct. 1st, 1857.

For the American Gazette.

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But Q. Sam! what of all them, all dimensions and charges? they are but as the crack of a gun-powder, nothing worse than a reasonable man should expect to bear, in these days of refinement in society when his affairs by his name to be placed before the public for office whether it be his choice, or that of others.

Well, my position. Yes, did said was not an independent candidate for any office, wanted none. I have other and more desirable ways of making my living. I could not submit to this, my day, independently, as perceived in this, our day, independently, as perceived in this, our day, independently, who are seeking office, taking their hats under their arm, throwing open the grog shops, kneeling, bowing, and scraping to every voter they should meet from the time their name is announced till after the election; besides, I do not believe, the doctrine that the public are under obligation to bestow offices for party services and the like, think men that thus present themselves for office, as a general thing, are tricky, not trust-worthy; but, as our government is carried on by officers, the public has claims on certain men, and when that claim is properly presented, ought to be responded to.

But friend Joshua, you use the term frequently as concerning the Republicans, "one eyed party." I am a little confounded as to what you may intend, by it, but "spose" that to mean all the measures of the party are, or ought to be, with an eye single to the greatest good for the greatest number. Well that is exactly my position, I am in for that, and when elected, promise to stick tenaciously for that principle, and oppose all measures that have tendency to the contrary, let them come from whatever source they may, and one very prominent measure is, that the reductions of salaries and officers generally, so that they may not be sought after for pecuniary profits. which I believe would be the means of filling the offices with better and more capable men, and I would invite my old friend, and his entire clan in the most sensible manner, to unite with us and assist in saving the Union, or at least assist in saving our beautiful territories from the tides of slavery. It might have been stayed on the territory of Kansas if the American party (or, that small squad), had united with the Republicans, but, by their stubborn, unyielding disposition, determined to rule or ruin, assisted the Locofoco party to gain eight Congressmen in Ohio, and enough in the other States to give the Locofoco party a decided majority, which party is composed of the slave propagandists. "Don't like your leadership?" Well ring in and let us have more and better material to work upon.

I believe as the Mr. Vernon Republican Law, that all the essential principles of the American party are carried out by the Republicans—believe that in the opinion of your ex-officer, Col. P. V. Tamm, of whom you remark, in "point of talent is equal to any man in the State." No fellow—worthy of a better position than he deserves. I admire his talents and moral worth, but deplore his ambition in lending his name and influence for the purpose of defeating the man that has made the best Governor we have had for years. Kindred thinks he is banking up the wrong stump—thinks Sam a little too proscriptive, don't tend church—don't know whether he is acknowledged to be in the truth, or—nowas we can write pretty well, that "I am somewhat clever." But men destined to citizenship acquire themselves honest and capable, would make a good American officer, and the same qualifications are necessary for country men, the former is an American from choice, the latter deriving with the former, only from force of circumstance. Don't believe in the one idea, in answering all questions.

Americans must rule America.

I would again cordially invite thinking men, Union loving men of all parties to unite with us. And say to my old friend when next I see him, "allow me to tell the pop."

T. P. ASHROOK,

Sept. 31, 1857.

THE TURF.

New York, Sept. 26.—The four miles race, which came off at the Fairview course, was very largely attended. Charles Clegg, the favorite previous to the race, finished in beating Englehardt easily. The time was 7 min. 45 sec. and 7 min. 47 sec.

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